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1. At the beginning of December 1950, Major Skulov (fnu) was still commandant of the military camp in the Weisswasser (O 52/Z 74) area, and Lieutenant Bottikov (fnu) his adjutant. Besides the two officers, there were only eight COs and TM stationed in the camp. The construction company of 250 men, which had started building winterized wooden barracks in the northeastern and northwestern section of the camp, left for Cottbus on 6 December. The construction of winterized quarters has been resumed by about 35 German laborers working under the supervision of German Architect Grundmann (fnu) from Hoyerswerda. Sixty wooden barracks buildings, each 20x8 meters, were under construction. *
2. In the fall of 1950, record firing and combat practice firing with tanks, most of them of type T-34, and 76.2-mm AT guns was observed frequently on the firing lanes of the troop training grounds. In addition, advanced combat practice firing of infantry units was observed on a smaller scale. Up to 60 tanks were seen practicing, either alone or in cooperation with infantry units up to 200-man strength. Up to four AT guns at a time were seen firing at ranges of 1,500 to 4,000 meters, while the tanks fired at ranges up to 2,000 meters. The targets were dummy tanks, both moving and stationary. **
3. No Soviet Army combat units were located in the Weisswasser area from 1 to 8 December. about 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were quartered in cantonments southwest of Lochten and that they were engaged in the construction of wooden barracks and roads near the billeting area.

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Comment.

the component units of the 9th Weez Div returned to their home stations, including Cottbus and Spremberg, in October 1950, upon completion of their summer and fall training at the Weisswasser troop training grounds.

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